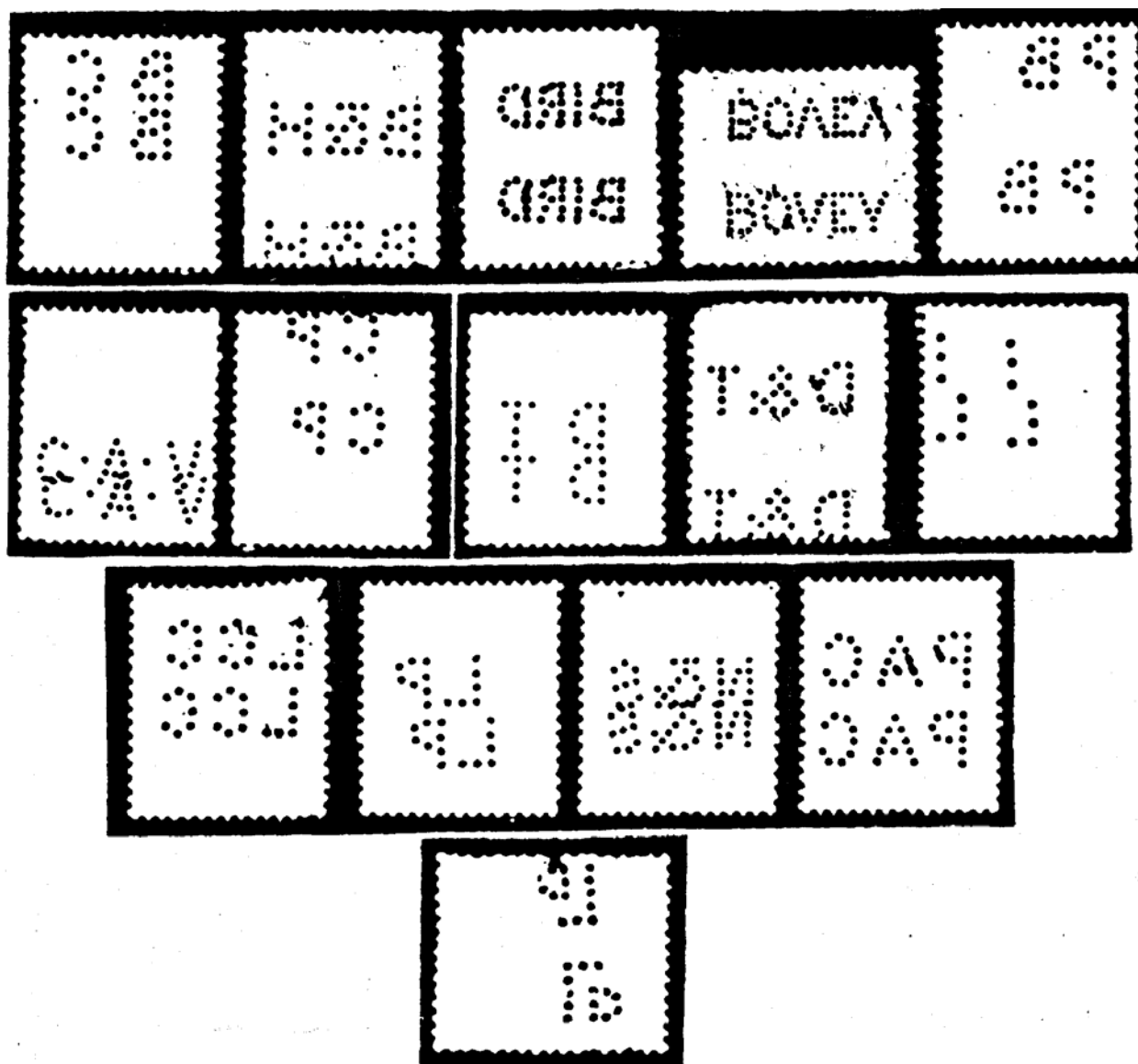


"DOUBLE" OR "MULTIPLE" PERFINS ?

by Arthur Smith.

The publishing of 'Glossary of Security Endorsements' over several of the recent editions of the 'Bulletin' reminded me of an assortment of stamps which I had put aside for further thought.

They each have two of the same perfin applied and are illustrated below.



Has any Member specialised knowledge of how, or maybe why, they are so produced ?

Which Glossary term would you class these under ? 'Double' or 'Multiple' ?

I can imagine careless handling problems, or some moron having 'fun' when perfinning. Having little knowledge of Multi-die Machines I cannot account for them.

If any Member would care to comment to enlighten the less informed please reply through the Editor in the normal way.

Double or Multiple Perfins article from Bulletin 234.

This letter, dated August '88, has only just come my way. It could be that other members, apart from Arthur Smith, the original contributor of the article, will be interested in the comments by DOUGLAS CUTLER, U.S.A.

Quote:- "All the illustrated perfins except BOVEY/BOVEY and L^d/L^d should be classed as 'DOUBLE STRIKE' perfins. They are due to slippage of the stamps as they passed through a Perforating Machine or a slip by the operator on the trip lever. The slippage can be due to any of the following.

1. Intentional on orders of the company.
2. Unintentional by
 - a) bad paper feed.
 - b) missed clutch stop.
 - c) accidental bad positioning.
3. Machine Problems by
 - a) stuck pin.
 - b) broken pin.
 - c) not enough pressure applied.

The II/LL is an interesting double as it could have been fed in sideways. The L^d/L^d would be classed as a 'MULTIPLE STRIKE'. It was accomplished by turning the stamp before applying the second strike. It appears to be a 'Partial Perfin' too.

The BOVEY/BOVEY example presents a different 'DOUBLE'. This maybe a 'MULTIPLE STRIKE' or a 'SINGLE STRIKE'. If Multiple it had to be done by first turning and then flipping the stamp before the second strike. If a 'Single Strike', and my measurements seem to prove this, it would be termed a 'Mirror Perfin'. The stamp would have to be folded and so some evidence of this should be seen on the stamp.

All examples could be from either a 'Single Pattern' Perforating Machine Die or from 'Multiple Pattern' Perforating Machine Dies." End Quote.

Mr. Cutler goes on to explain, in detail, about various Perforating Machines. It is rather specialised but also very interesting. If any

members intimate that they would like this published, I will put it in the next Bulletin. This is YOUR Bulletin and if only two or three are keen to read about a particular topic, they have the right to have it printed.
